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## Amendment and Response

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to an Office Action, mail date October 30, 2008. The shortened statutory period for response to the Office Action expired on January 30, 2009. In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Final Office Action. The period for response is thereby extended to April 30, 2009. Thus, this Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement is timely filed.

Amendments begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.